

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

**SPECIFICATION**

**TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

**“BIFIDOBACTERIA CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHEA”**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Consequently, the problem underlying the present invention is~~ A need, therefore, exists to provide additional lactic acid bacteria that may exert beneficial activities to living beings upon ingestion.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 7 of page 3:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The~~ In an embodiment, the Bifidobacteria to be used are preferably selected from the group consisting of Bifidobacterium adolescentis or Bifidobacterium longum, preferably Bifidobacterium adolescentis, and is more preferably Bifidobacterium CNCM 1-2168.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The~~In an embodiment, the present invention also provides for a food or pharmaceutical composition containing at least one of the Bifidobacterium strains capable to essentially prevent infection of intestinal cells by rotaviruses.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 20 of page 4:

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the figures.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 25 of page 4:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention will now be described by way of example and not limitation.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 19 of page 9:

It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention and without diminishing its intended advantages. It is therefore intended that such changes and modifications be covered by the appended claims.